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IN THE CLAIMS (marked up version)

- 2 4. (Amended) [The device as defined in claim 3] A device for
3 preventing unintentional removal of a slot in an end of a guitar
4 strap from an engaged guitar strap peg of a guitar, wherein the
5 engaged guitar strap peg of the guitar has a neck that extends from
6 the guitar, to an end, and has a contour and a thickness, and
7 wherein the engaged guitar strap peg of the guitar further has a
8 head that extends radially outwardly from the end of the neck
9 thereof, said device comprising a body for positioning on the guitar
10 strap peg of the guitar, outboard of the guitar strap of said
11 guitar, and for preventing unintentional removal of the slot in the
12 end of the guitar strap from the engaged guitar strap peg of the
13 guitar, wherein said body is disk-shaped, wherein said body has:
14 a) a center;
15 b) a periphery;
16 c) a first surface that is circular-shaped and is for abutting
17 against the head of the engaged guitar strap peg of the
18 guitar; and
19 d) a second surface that is circular-shaped, disposed oppositely
20 to said first surface thereof, and is for abutting against,
21 and overpassing, the slot in the end of the guitar strap of
22 the guitar, wherein said body further has a throughbore that
23 is circular-shaped, has a diameter, a perimeter, and a chord
24 with a length and ends that intersect said perimeter of said
25 throughbore in said body.

1 13. (Amended) The device as defined in claim [12] 9, wherein said pair
2 of edges of said throughslot in said body divergingly straddle said
3 radius of said body, and extend radially outwardly from said ends
4 of said chord of said throughbore in said body, respectively,
5 divergingly to said periphery of said body for facilitating
6 engagement of said throughslot in said body with the engaged guitar
7 strap peg of the guitar.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 10 and 12 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 4 has been amended in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, as kindly suggested by the examiner to be allowable. Claim 13 remains in the application and is believed allowable, because it has been amended to depend from claim 9 now believed allowable. Claims 5-9, 11 remain unchanged and depend from claims now believed allowable. Accordingly all amended claims are presented as both clean copy and marked up version in compliance with CFR Title 37 Sec. 1.121.

11 Drawing are now believe in compliance with 37 CFR 1.83(a) since the
12 claim containing the "isosceles-triangular-shape" has been canceled.

13 In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, it is believed that
14 this application is in condition for allowance.

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